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## In The Provincial Legislature

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The Hon. N. E. Tanner in reporting to the House stated that two aeroplanes being used by the government had taken 703 coyotes in one month. Agreements have been reached with two organizations to continue a program of hunting on these predators. Under this set up the government will pay 75 percent of the cost and the rest will be borne by the local association.

Answering the G.C.F. charge that they had forced the government to set up Crown reserves in 1947, Mr. Tanner told the house that the first Crown reserves were set up in 1937, after two months after he became minister. Amendments had been made to the Crown reserves again in 1945 and 1947 and would be made again when developments were necessary.

In reply to the charge that only small men could get into the oil business, the Hon. Mr. Tanner pointed out there are more than one hundred Canadian companies operating in Alberta today, made up entirely of Canadian people. Mr. Tanner said previously that the million and a half dollar the government received for a quarter section was only paid for the first four million dollars the government received for three quarters would over the next twenty to forty years yield the oil company 48 million dollars. The Hon. Mr. Tanner pointed out that the four million dollars the government received was equal to eight and one-half percent royalty on Mr. Roper's estimate of 48 million dollars, and as it has been paid in advance, some of it 20 to 40 years in advance. Add to this 12 1/2 percent production royalty on the Alberta people are getting twenty and five-sixths royalty without putting any investment into the picture. The price of crude oil will not continue at its present high level when more production is reached and markets are found, so that the government is even better off by having this sum in advance. Three percent interest on the money received from a quarter section would yield \$45,000 a year forever, while the well will not last for more than 20 to 40 years.

The minister pointed out how back in 1934 he and others had gone to Eastern Canada and Great Britain to get an endeavor to get them to invest in Alberta's oil development. Generally they had refused to do so, and no American capital came in and started the job. 40 percent of today's oil production is coming from privately owned lands from which the government does not receive one cent in royalty.

Premier Manning in his budget gave the figures to show that the direct financial assistance to municipal districts is \$1,748,000. When you add to this the part of the cost of the indigent relief, old age pension blind pensions, mothers' allowance and child welfare services taken over by the province from the municipalities. It makes a grand total of \$10,528,000 of assistance to municipal districts. This is more than 32 percent of the entire estimated provincial expenditures on income account. This is definite evidence that the provincial government has assumed much of the financial responsibility of the municipalities.

In addition to this, five million dollars will be made available to municipalities on a loan basis for self-liquidating projects. This will be at an interest rate of 2 percent. Further an additional sum of 15 million dollars will be made available over the next four or five years as a revolving fund to assist school districts in capital construction. Part of this will be as an interest free loan and a part of it will have the same effect as a cash grant.

In dealing with a resolution urging a National Coal Policy for the Dominion, Mr. Gordon Taylor pointed out that Canada last year imported nearly 60 million tons of coal, most of which was no better grade coal than produced in Alberta. He pointed out that the Dominion government is aiding the Nova Scotia coal mining industry to the extent of a 10 million dollar loan, but were not prepared to assist in finding markets for Alberta coal.

Tennis was purely an amateur sport until 1920.

Hardwood makes better coals for a campfire than soft wood.



## COMRADES IN ARMS

Shown arm in arm, left to right, are G. LaRoche, E. Hochberg and T. Dale, the three singing stars of the program Comrades in Arms, heard

## The Oilawa Letter

Recently there was much discussion about a Bill of Rights and it is interesting to note that in 1884 a petition called a Bill of Rights was passed at a meeting in the west and sent to Ottawa.

At the time the half-breed population was settled along the North and South Saskatchewan Rivers. These people did not like farming as they were by instinct hunters and trappers. When the buffalo disappeared they found their means of livelihood seriously curtailed. However as trappers and voyageurs they made a living while the fur companies were operating and while the fur-bearing animals were available. With the coming of railways and settlers their source of livelihood ceased also.

They were alarmed when surveyors came to block the land out into the homesteads. They much resented the long lots fronting on a river which this system permitted them to have a community association and protection against their enemies.

These fears were fanned into flame by the fiery oratory of Louis Riel and other leaders. At a large meeting a resolution demanding the following changes was passed.

1. Division of the North-West Territories into provinces.

11. A grant of 240 acres to each all-breed as had been given in Manitoba.

111. The issue of patents to all colonists in possession.

IV. The sale of half a million acres of land and the proceeds used for schools, hospitals, seed and relief.

V. Grants to certain religious bodies.

The leaders claimed that the Indian right to the land had never been properly extinguished and they made many promises of rewards to those who would join them in rebellion.

The petition was sent to Ottawa but unfortunately little or no attention was paid to it. This was unfortunate because the half-breeds had been on the whole, law abiding and loyal.

When the Sioux Chief Sitting Bull urged them to join in a war to exterminate the white people their reply had been that they would fight for the whites not against them.

However, the grievances were not redressed and in March of 1885 rebellion started resulting in expense, bloodshed and hanging.

F. W. GERCHAW

## More Flax Wanted

Leading agricultural authorities believe that flax should be given a place in seeding plans for the new season. This was indicated in the discussions last week at the recent Canadian Flax and Oil Seeds Conference held in Winnipeg. This meeting, attended by plant scientists, marketing authorities and industry, were approved a resolution recommending the planting of 750,000 to 1,000,000 acres of flax on the prairie this year. Last year the flax acreage was reduced to 500,000 acres.

The Conference considered the depletion of the flax surplus in the hands of the Wheat Board and the small supplies on farms and in country elevators, and came to the conclusion that a much larger crop would be necessary this year to provide domestic requirements and to export.

Otherwise it might be necessary to import flaxseed or linseed oil. It was also brought out by the con-

ference that a much larger market for flax straw was likely to develop as this commodity was needed in the production of fine papers. This would result in additional revenue for the flax grower.

Technical members of the conference stressed the advisability of having seed flax tested for germination as a measure in assuring a better crop and heavier stands.

## HERE AND THERE

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gilbert were in Calgary last week attending the wedding of their son, Leith.

The members of the Masonic lodge have been very busy during the past several weeks fixing up their lodge room. They have rebuilt the walls of the lodge room and have redecorated the floor has been sanded and varnished.

When they have completed all of this work this hall will be one of the finest in the city.

The Strathmore minstrels are coming down next Monday evening to put on a show in the Community Hall under the auspices of the Gleichen United Church. They put on a show here last year and it was a good one. It is said that the show this year is much better. Strathmore players are assured of a full house when they come.

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## R. K. Hunter Heads Local Board of Trade

The annual meeting and banquet of the Board of Trade was held one evening last week. The new slate of officers elected was as follows:

President—R. K. Hunter  
Vice-President—H. Olchowsky  
Secy.—Treas.—B. Buhf.

The newly elected officers immediately took their positions. A committee was appointed to look after memberships for the organization.

Another committee was appointed to look into roads. Bill Blaney, Ted Froggatt, R. Brown, L. Menard and Al Wilson will look after the 24th of May doings.

A communication is to be sent to the town council advising them that the Board of Trade members are willing in every possible way to assist in fixing up the main street of the town.

The president and secretary were delegated to attend the Calgary conference on March 30 and 31.

The Athletic Association and the Fire Brigade was taken over by the Board. The officers of the different organizations will continue in their respective positions.

It was decided to hold the meetings of the Board on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The April meeting will open with a banquet at 7 o'clock.

have been conducted by Red Cross since 1947, insuring that hundreds of new-born babies, among others, get a new lease on life, he reported.

The Red Cross 7th annual investigation service is greatly appreciated by the medical profession, judging from the increased use of 32 clinical tests, and the number of requests from physicians for consultative advice from Red Cross medical officers.

Another advantage of blood transfusion therapy, he pointed out, is that it shortens the period of hospitalization, increasing hospital care, and reducing the cost of hospital care.

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For maintaining and expanding this life saving service, Red Cross has budgeted for \$1,831,608 of its \$5,000,000 in 1950.



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## Little hearts can feel so frightfully alone

Not for this little chap with twisted limbs the thrill of phases or a birthday... the boyish joy and pride of being "on the team"...

Not for him... unless you help a miracle along... the miracle of teaching little legs to walk and run and jump again, in a Red Cross Crippled Children's Hospital.

Today, give all you can to help your Red Cross find these little children... so they can lead a new-ending way of Red Cross Disaster Services, Veterans' Services, Outpost Hospitals, and many other humanitarian tasks. Your gift is urgently needed... only you can give it.

Red Cross blood today flows in the veins of more than 100,000 Canadian civilians who have been transfused with free blood of blood plasma since the beginning of the national Blood Transfusion Service in 1947.

More than 175,000 Canadians, in this peacetime period, have given one or more donations of their own blood that their friends and neighbors and strangers they have never seen might have a better chance for life.

This is the heartening record of the Canadian Red Cross Society's blood (Transfusion) Service. Canada's Governor-General has characterized this service, now operating in eight provinces and soon to be extended, as "one of the greatest health ventures ever undertaken by a voluntary organization."

In the first ten months of 1949 alone, 50,000 patients in Canadian hospitals received free transfusions of whole blood or plasma. Dr. Stanbury, national director said.

More than 85,000 bottles of blood were collected at 805 clinics in the same period. It takes approximately three bottles of whole blood to make one bottle of dried plasma, which is used mainly in cases of severe shock or burns.

Nearly 70,000 clinical Red Cross

LOCAL CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS, GLEICHEN

Give from the heart

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## Crop Prospects For 1950

AS SPRING APPROACHES attention is once more turned to the crop prospects for the coming season. Many unpredictable factors determine the success or failure of any crop and the farmer can never be assured in advance as to the results of his year's work. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics, however, recently issued a report on some of those factors which will affect the 1950 wheat crop. According to the Bureau there is no reason at present to expect that there will be any great change in the amount of acreage from that of last year, when 27,000,000 acres of wheat were sown. This prediction was made early in the year and it was pointed out that "entrances in the supply of soil moisture in the spring or a change in the price outlook by seeding time may alter the picture considerably."

### Less Needed From Canada

Marketing prospects for the coming season's crop were reviewed by the Bureau and a decline in the world demand for wheat in 1950 was predicted. This expected decline was attributed to the fact that many importing countries are now increasing production and will have less need for wheat from Canada. It is also expected that some countries which in the past have been able to export small amounts will have more wheat to sell abroad this year, further adding to the surplus on the world market. Crop prospects in all wheat growing countries are considered to be good for the coming year, with large harvests forecast in Argentina and Australia, and the United States expecting to have a substantial exportable surplus.

### Decline Will Cause Concern

The expected decline in the world market will cause concern in those countries, including Canada, which have large surpluses of wheat to export. This situation once more brings to mind the fact that there is need all over the world for wheat everywhere as to be adequately fed. Unfortunately economic factors prevent many who need wheat and other food from buying it, and countries with surpluses cannot afford to give away. Sir John Boyd Orr, world famous agricultural scientist and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize has long advocated some plan whereby these difficulties could be overcome, and Canada has also favored this plan. For many reasons, efforts should be made to work out some solution to the situation which affects those countries where there is need of food, and those which will soon be faced with the serious problem of dividing demand for their surplus production.

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### B.C.-St. Lawrence Ship Service Planned

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Freighter service was expected to resume soon between British Columbia and ports on the St. Lawrence.

Service between the east and west stopped as the Second World War began. Monahan Clark Limited, operators of the Alpine Steamship Lines, said the 10,000 ton "B.S. Seaside" will inaugurate the service.

### CANADIAN WILDLIFE GIFT

The Bank of England has released the sterling equivalent of \$250 so that the Dudley (Midlands), Zoo can pay freightage costs on a shipment of four pairs of timber-wolves, 12 chipmunks and 12 marmosets—the gift of the Canadian Government. The marmosets will be new additions to the collection of smaller animals at the Zoo. In the past four years the Canadian Government has sent beaver, bears, beavers and racoons to Dudley from the national parks.

### HE NEEDED THEM

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—A thief broke in a cafe and stole the cash register and 12 packages of headache powder. Police theorize he's already used the headache powder. The cash register contained only \$1.

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### 1949 RECORD YEAR

## Prairie Retail Business Shows Big Increase

OTTAWA—The Canadian retail merchants did the biggest business in history last year. Their total sales were \$7,695,340,000, or 10 per cent higher than in 1948, the bureau of statistics reported.

Sales were higher in all provinces—and in all but four of the 20 different trades surveyed. Those four trades showed only moderate declines and "represented no real diminution from the previous year's level," the bureau said. Retail sales in 1948 were \$7,267,720,000.

Geographically, the biggest sales increase was in the prairie provinces. Saskatchewan sales were 12.4 per cent higher, Alberta 12 per cent, and Manitoba 10.5 per cent.

The bureau attributed this to higher cash farm incomes on the prairie and the growing Alberta oil development.

Elsewhere increases were lower. Ontario sales were up 5.4 per cent, British Columbia five per cent, Quebec 2.9 per cent, and the Maritime provinces 2.1 per cent. Newfoundland, the Yukon and Northwest Territories were not included. The four lowest sales were men's clothing, down 1.4 per cent; family clothing, down 2.2 per cent; country general stores, down .05 per cent, and coal and wood down 2.6 per cent.

## Declares Canada Growing Faster Than United States

EDMONTON—Canada is expanding one-third faster than the United States, and is just reaching the peak of industrial development passed by the U.S. half a century ago, John Fisher, commentator for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, said. He spoke at the annual meeting of the Macdonald-Kennedy association. "Canada is the greatest miracle in national history," the world has ever seen," Mr. Fisher said.

## Scouts Sending Staves To Greece

OTTAWA—Canadian Boy Scouts are going to send 5,000 Scouts staves to the Boy Scouts of Greece, it was announced. Wherever possible, Scouts will cut and peel the staves themselves. In areas where cutting is not possible Scouts will raise money to buy them. Because of the rocky terrain of Greece, it is almost impossible for Greek Scouts to obtain their own staves. Boy Scout headquarters said it hopes to complete the shipment by April 23, St. George's Day.

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### APPOINTED SECRETARY

Rev. Elmer Lecker, of Hagersville, Ont., has been appointed Secretary of Christian Education for the Saskatchewan Conference, under the Board of Christian Education of the United Church of Canada.

### VERY OLD PORT

Darshin, in the Shetland Islands, was an important call for ships travelling from Norway to Iceland and Greenland about 1,000 years ago.

Be content—but never satisfied.

### Amy And Her Pet Lamb

## Many Canadians Too Fat, Claims Health League

OTTAWA—About one-sixth of the people of Canada are too fat. That's the considered opinion of the Health League of Canada, an organization which devotes much of its time to telling Canadians what they should eat and how much.

The league said that about 2,284,000 Canadians were overweight because they ate too much. These Canadians were guilty of stuffing themselves and eating the wrong kind of food, the league said.

Overweight was harmful because it sped the onset of degenerative diseases like diabetes and high blood pressure, officials of the league warned.

"They said reduction in weight could be accomplished by eating less, but they advised all overweight Canadians to see a doctor and get sound advice about their eating habits."

### BETTER POTATO

Scientists are going to be asked to find out what makes some potatoes turn dark after they are cooked.

The Canadian Horticultural Council adopted a resolution to get scientific research workers in Government experimental stations, schools and colleges across the country working on the problem.

Potato growers, seeking adoption of the resolution, said a great deal of research was needed to improve the cooking quality of the Canadian potato.

Culls of some potatoes appeared too tender for the cooking pot, breaking down and causing the potato to change to a brownish color.

The research workers will be asked to study the effects of soil on growth and the amounts of fertilizers, such as potash and phosphate, which should be used to bring forth a better potato.

### FUNNY And OTHERWISE

Hubby (Anxiously): But if you have a costly fur coat how are we going to pay for it?  
Wife: Now Tom, don't let's talk about two things at once. Let's talk about the coat.

"Billy," inquired the teacher, "can you tell me where the Red Sea is?"

"Yes," answered Billy, it's on the third line of my report card."

"Sam" is a young lawyer, clever in many respects, but very forgetful. He had been sent to interview an important client when the head of his firm received this telegram: "Have forgotten name of client. Please wire at once."

The reply was a masterpiece of sarcasm. It ran: "Glen's name Jenkins. Your name Smith."

Wife—Oh, Bill, baby can walk.  
Hubby—That's fine. Now, how can we walk up and down at night by himself.

Friend: "Well, how is married life?"  
Bride: "Lovely, but what do you think? My husband really does stutter and I always thought it was emotion."

"Aren't you the same man I gave a piece of mink pie to last month?"  
"No, mum, I ain't, and won't, more the doctor says I never will be."

The young student was being taken to task for having exceeded his leave by two days.  
Professor: "Well, what have you to say for your vacation?"

Student: "I'm awfully sorry. I really couldn't get back before. I was detained by most important business."

Professor: "So you wanted two more days of grace, did you?"  
Student: "No, sir—of Gladys."

Golfer (far off in the rough)—  
"Ray, caddy, why do you keep looking at your watch?"  
Caddy—"It isn't a watch, sir, it's a compass."

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### ALBERTA TOPS LIST

## Population Of West Shows Steady Increase

OTTAWA—Alberta's population increased by more than 1,000 per cent in the last half-century, but she still has far to go to catch up with Ontario's total.

The bureau of statistics, reviewing Canada's economic record in the last 50 years, says that Alberta expanded from a province of 73,000 persons in 1901 to 887,000 in 1949.

In that period, Canada's total population jumped from 5,371,000 to 15,544,000.

With the exception of Prince Edward Island and the Yukon and the Northwest Territories, all areas showed population progress. Alberta showed the biggest percentage jump.

Canada's increased from 5,371,000 to 15,544,000, or 102 per cent. Quebec's population rose from 1,649,000 to 3,887,000, or 138 per cent.

Other provincial gains: Nova Scotia went up 40 per cent, from 460,000 to 645,000; New Brunswick, 56 per cent, from 331,000 to 516,000; Manitoba, 205 per cent, from 205,000 to 778,000; Saskatchewan, 846 per cent, from 91,000 to 861,000; British Columbia, 128 per cent, from 179,000 to 1,114,000; Newfoundland, 37 per cent, from 123,000 to 348,000.

Prince Edward Island declined nine per cent, from 103,000 to 94,000, and the Northwest Territories and the Yukon, 49 per cent, from 47,000 to 24,000.

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